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1. MFA HAS INFORMED US THAT ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION WAS SIGNED IN NETHS ON DEC 30, 1974. ACCORDING TO DOETS OF MINISTRY OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (WHO IS GON COORDINATOR ON THE CONVENTION), NETHS WILL RATIFY IN CONCERT WITH EC PARTNERS. DOETS ESTIMATES IT MAY TAKE EC MEMBERS ANOTHER SIX MONTHS TO HARMONIZE THEIR POSITIONS.

2. MEANWHILE, IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, NETHS ADOPTED DOMESTIC LAW ON PROTECTION OF "ENDANGERED EXOTIC ANIMAL SPECIES" (ENGLISH TRANSLATION BEING POUCHED DEPT). LAW PROVIDES INTERALIA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP LIST OF PROTECTED SPECIES, WHICH LIST IS THEN TO BE OFFICIALLY PUBLISHED. COMMITTEE CALLED FOR IN THE LAW IS IN PROCESS OF BEING FORMED AND IT MAY THEREFORE BE SOME TIME YET BEFORE ACTUAL LISTS ARE PUBLISHED. ONE ENFORCEMENT PROBLEM WILL
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BE ABILITY OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO RECOGNIZE PROTECTED

SPECIES WHEN ENCOUNTERED IN COURSE OF, SAY, CUSTOMS
INSPECTION.

3. EQUIVALENT LEGISLATION ON THREATENED FLORA IS NOT
YET IN THE MAKING. IN DOETS' OPINION, ABSENCE OF SUCH
DOMESTIC LEGISLATION WILL NOT BAR DUTCH RATIFICATION
OF WASHINGTON CONVENTION. (WE UNDERSTAND EXISTING DUTCH
LEGISLATION ALREADY PROTECT INDIGENOUS DUTCH FLORA).
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